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In re Application of
Hu, et al.
Application No. 10/005,882
Filed: December 3, 2001
Attorney Docket No. KCX-439 (15571):
For: TISSUE PRODUCTS HAVING REDUCED:
LINT AND SLOUGH

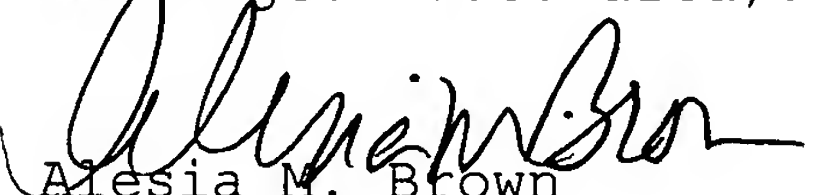
LETTER

Dear Sir:

You are named as an inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost as per 37 C.F.R. § 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0310. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).


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DECISION GRANTING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed
August 12, 2002.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has submitted sufficient proof to demonstrate that
bona fide effort has been made to provide the non-signing
inventor, Strong C. Chuang, with the application papers and that
either the nonsigning inventor cannot be reached, or having been
reached, refuses to execute the declaration.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed
and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is
hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of
this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the
address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this
application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the above-identified application
will be returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for
further processing.

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